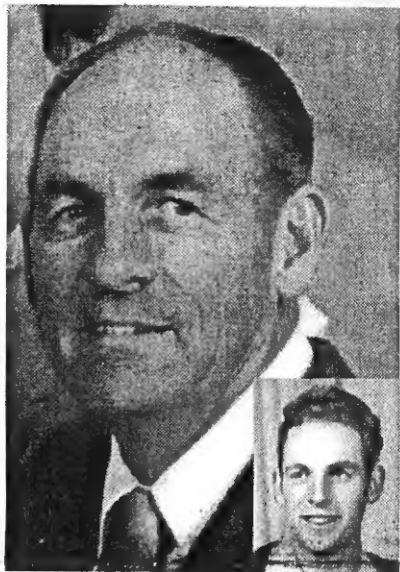


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M. GARDNER

Mervin LeRoy "Roy" Gardner, age 80, of Neola, passed away peacefully at home November 2, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 22, 1922 in Hayden, Uintah County to Lester and Rose Bowen Gardner.

Married Iona "Toni" Olsen May 21, 1943 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They made their home in Neola.

Roy enjoyed working on farm equipment as a youth, this interest developed into his lifelong vocation and avocation—he was always working on someone's tractor. He worked as a Grade A milk truck driver, later he drove school bus and worked as a mechanic for Crumbo Motor. He then worked for Nixon-Bowman Equipment and L & L Motor Company. In 1969 he opened Gardner Equipment and later Gardner Dodge. He retired in 1987. He loved working on anything mechanical and always had a project in the driveway.

He had a great sense of humor and always enjoyed a good joke. This helped him through the difficult times. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

His greatest dedication was to his family and church. He spent many years serving in bishoprics, Scouting, Exploring, as Bishop, as an ordinance worker in the Vernal Temple and in the last few years as Stake Patriarch. He was a recipient of Scouting's Silver Beaver award for his many years as an Explorer leader.

He is survived by his wife, Toni, sons and daughters, Janet (Lynn) Snow, Lessle Roy (Lanette) Gardner, both Roosevelt; Gae Lynn Stacer, Salt Lake City; JoE (Amber) Gardner, Vernal; and Sheela Rae (Gil) Mitchell, Altamont; 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; brothers, Darol Gardner, Springville and Lynn Gardner, Neola.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Thelma Orr and Virginia Labrum, a brother LaMar Gardner and two grandsons, Ryan Gardner and Adam Gardner.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2002, at 12 Noon at the Neola LDS Church.

Friends may call at the Hullinger Mortuary Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM and Wednesday at the church from 11-11:45 AM.

Burial will be in the Neola Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the Perpetual Education Fund of the LDS Church.